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THE THEME OF THE SPEECH OF COLOMBIAN FONMIN VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA, DELIVERED APRIL 24 TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WAS THAT THE WORLD HAS EVOLVED RAPIDLY IN THE LAST DECADE BUT STRUCTURES OF THE OAS AND THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM HAVE BECOME INAPPROPRIATE FOR TODAY. HE DISCUSSED THREE AREAS WHICH REQUIRE CHANGE: (1) CUBA, (2) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND (3) THE STRUCTURE OF THE OAS.

1. CUBA: THE FONMIN SAID COLOMBIA SUPPORTED INVITING CUBA TO THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING NEXT YEAR. IN ADDITION COLOMBIA IS A SUPPORTER OF THE CONVOCAION OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION. HE CITED THE DETENTE ENGINEERED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE SALE OF AUTOMOBILES BY GENERAL MOTORS, FORD AND CHRYSLER AS REASONS FOR A NEW CUBAN POLICY. (SEE USDEL 13) FOR A TRANSLATION OF THE PART OF THE SPEECH DEALING WITH CUBA.)

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WM TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT: VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA DESCRIBED THE INCREASING WORLD ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE CLOSER COORDINATION AMONG THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, THE EXHAUSTION OF THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS AND THE BOMBARDMENT OF LATIN AMERICA WITH PROMISES OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS WHICH WERE NOT KEPT FOR ONE REASON - THE U.S. HAS NEVER WANTED TO ACCEPT A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN TRADE MATTERS. HE FURTHER CASTIGATED THE U.S. FOR PERSISTENT USE OF BILATERAL INSTEAD OF MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS, A PRACTICE WHICH HAS PREVENTED LATIN AMERICAN FROM DEVELOPING A CONTINENTAL TRADE PROGRAM. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO SAID THE U.S. APPLICATION OF THE LAW ON COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WOULD CAUSE THE SUSPENSION OF LATIN AMERICAN EXPORT DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAMS. HE ADVOCATED CALLING A CONFERENCE TO DEVISE A NEW PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS. THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL URGENT NEEDS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA ARE: 1) THE STUDY AND SOLUTION OF REAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PERSISTENT ECONOMIC DISEQUALITIES, 2) THE OPENING OF MARKETS FOR LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE PREFERENCES, 3) INTENSIFICATION OF INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE AND 4) A MORE FLEXIBLE ORGAN TO SERVE AS A DECISION MAKING BODY, AND AS FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND STUDY.

3. REFORMS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA SAID THE FIRST STEP IS TO DETERMINE IF A COMMON POLICY EXISTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA. ON THE BASIS OF A COMMON POLICY, COLOMBIA SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF REFORMS, SOME OF WHICH CAN BE EFFECTED IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT PROLONGED CONSULTATIONS AND OTHERS WHICH REQUIRED GREAT TIME TO INSTITUTE. THE FIRST GROUP INCLUDES:

1) INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2) RECOGNITION OF A GREATER POLITICAL CAPACITY FOR THE PERMANENT COUNCIL AND A CLARIFICATION OF THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, 3) RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL OF JURISTS AS AN ORGAN OF COORDINATION AND CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE AMERICAS AND 4) FACULTIES FOR IA-ECOSOC TO ACT AS AN ORGAN OF NEGOTIATION. THE SECOND GROUP INCLUDES: 1) AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES ONE AND THREE OF THE CHARTER, 2) REFORM OF RIO TREATY AND PACT OF BOGOTA, 3) ECONOMIC SECURITY AS A COMPLEMENT TO REGIONAL COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND 4) THE ADAPTION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS.

4. OTHER COUNTRIES: THE FONMIN HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT THAT GUYANA AND THE BAHAMAS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MFMs WITHOUT RECOURSE TO COMPLICATED RULES OF PROCEDURES. HE ALSO SPOKE OF CANADIAN COOPERATION IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SPHERE.

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